

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 102

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

January 6, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Joe Colla Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 102, as introduced, Coto. Joe Colla Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Joseph Anthony Colla actively served the San Jose
2 community during the 1970s as a pharmacist, bike racer, bike race
3 promoter, and San Jose City Council Member; and
4 WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla worked in the 1970s with
5 future mayors Norman Mineta and Janet Gray Hayes to help the
6 City of San Jose develop economically and culturally and become
7 described as “San Jose, a City with a Future”; and
8 WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla became a true urban legend
9 when he arranged for a helicopter to lift a Chevy on top of an
10 unfinished and abandoned interchange that had for four years fallen
11 victim to the state’s budget woes and a gasoline shortage; and

1 WHEREAS, As a direct result of Council Member Joe Colla's
2 exploits, including posing the question, "Where do I drive from
3 here?" from atop the unfinished interchange, and identifying the
4 monolith as "A Monument to Nowhere," the City of San Jose
5 received the necessary funding and the interchange project was
6 completed; and

7 WHEREAS, It is accordingly appropriate to designate the
8 interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City
9 of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes Joe Colla, a
12 California leader whose actions ensured the completion of the
13 interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City
14 of San Jose; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange
16 of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose
17 as the Joe Colla Interchange; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
19 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
20 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the
21 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
22 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
24 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
25 author for appropriate distribution.